

Forty Years Between

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Dawn was breaking as he slowed down to leeward of the island and watched the shadows melt away. It was Sunday, a day of heavenly calm, fresh yet windless, with a sea so smooth that the barrier reefs for once were silent, and one could hear from across the hushed and shining water the coo of pigeons in the forest. Under bare steerage way, with the leadman droning in the forechains, the ship hugged the shore and steamed at a snail's pace round the island.

With every mile the bays and wooded promontories grew increasingly familiar as Sir John was borne toward Lihua, the scene of his boyish folly. He looked ashore in wonder, surprised at the vividness and exactness of his recollection.

It was like a home coming to see all these familiar scenes spreading out before him. He looked at his hands, his thin, veined, wrinkled hands, and it came over him, with a sort of surprise, that he was an old man.

"That was forty years ago," he said to himself. "Forty years ago!"

As Lihua opened out and he perceived with an inexpressible pang the thatched houses set deep in the shade of palms and breadfruit trees he felt himself in the throes of a strange and painful indecision. He paced up and down the bridge, he lit a cigar and threw it away again, he twice approached Commander Stillwell as though to give an order, and then, still in doubt, turned shamefacedly on his heel.

"By the deep, nine!" came the hoarse murmur of the leadman.

It lay with him to stop the ship or not—a word and she would come shivering to a standstill; a word and the boatswain would pipe away his gig and the crew would be running to their places. His heart ached with the desire to land, but something—he knew not what—withheld the order on his lips.

Did he not owe it to her to keep the promise of forty years, a promise given in the flush of youth and hope and sealed with scalding tears?

His resolution was taken. He ordered Commander Stillwell to stop the ship and lower a boat.

"I am going to treat myself to a run ashore," he said by way of explanation. The vessel slowly stopped. The covers were whipped off the gig. She was hoisted out and lowered, the crew dropping down the ladder into their places at the peep-peep-peep of the whistle.

He was landed at a little cove where in bygone days he had often whiled away an hour waiting in charge of Hadow's boat. It gave him a singular sensation to feel the keel grate against the shingle and to say to himself that this was Lihua! He drew a deep breath as he looked about and noticed how unchanged it all was.

It came over him with a start that the village was empty. Then he remembered it was Sunday, and they were all at church. Thank God, there was none to watch him! No prying, curious eyes to disturb his thoughts. But they would soon be out again, and it behooved him to make the best use of his solitude while he might. He struck inland, his heart beating with a curious expectancy. At every sound he held his breath, and he would turn quickly and look back with a haunting sense that Tehea was near him; that perhaps she was gazing at him through the trees. He approached his old home through overgrown plantations. It ached him to part the branches and to feel himself drawing near at every step to the only house he had ever called his own. As he heard the splashing waterfall he stopped, not daring for the moment to go on. When at last he did so and mounted the little hill he found no house at all. Nothing but ferns and weeds, man high. He moved about here and there, up to the armpits in verdure, in consternation at discovering it gone.

His foot struck against a bowlder. He had forgotten that there were rocks on the hill. He moved along and his foot struck again. He pressed the weeds back and looked down.

He saw a tomb of crumbling cement, green with age and buried out of sight under the tangle.

It had never occurred to him before that Tehea might be dead.

He held back the undergrowth again and peered into the depths. Yes, it was the grave of a chief or a woman of rank. He laid both hands on the thick stem of a shrub and tore it out of the ground. He seized another and dragged it out with the same ferocity. It was intolerable that she should suffocate under all this warm, wet jungle that intruded itself, like a horrible cannibal, where there was room to drive it back. He would give her air and sunshine, she that had loved them both. He would uncover the poor stones that marked her last resting place. He would lay bare the earth that wrapped her dead beauty.

He worked with desperation until his hands were bleeding, until his eyes were stung and blinded with steaming sweat. Dizzy with the heat, parched with thirst and sick with the steam that rose from the damp ground, he was forced again and again to desist and rest. He cut his waistcoat into strips and bound them round his bloody hands. He broke the blades of his pen-knife on recalcitrant roots that defied the strength of his arms. He labored with fury to complete the task he had set before him. Here he stood within four walls of vegetation, the sky above him, the cracked and rotted tomb below, satisfied at last by the accomplishment of his duty.

He called her aloud by name. He bent down and kissed her mossy bed. He whispered with a strange conviction that she could hear him, that he had kept his promise to return.

Then, rising to his feet, he turned toward the sea and retraced his steps. The people were still in church, and the village was deserted as before. He walked swiftly lest they might come flocking out before he could reach his boat to torture him with recognition, with the questions they would ask, with



He had kept his promise to return.

their story of Tehea's death. Then he laughed at his own fears, remembering his white hair and the intervening generation. Time had passed over Borabora too. The world, he remembered, was older by forty years. Older and sadder and emptier.

He swung himself up the ladder, mounted the bridge and put the vessel on her course. The telegraph rang, the engineers repeated back the signal, and the great battleship, vibrating with her mighty engines, resumed once more her ponderous way.

THE END.

Public Sale of Franchise.

Paducah, Ky., May 7, 1906.

I will offer for sale, at the city hall door, on the 30th day of May, 1906, between the hours of 10 and 12 o'clock a. m., a franchise for operating a street railway in the city of Paducah, in accordance with an ordinance recently passed ordering such sale, and in accordance with the terms and conditions reserved in such ordinance.

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Although, he quite disbelieved this claim, he followed instructions with astonishing results. He has described the experience in the occult magazine, "Light" as follows:

"I was sitting in a room alone. Within a few minutes the walls of the room seemed to recede or vanish and a beautiful panoramic view presented itself—a sort of exquisite flower garden on a huge scale with pathway stretching away as far as the eye could reach.

"No buildings or inhabitants were anywhere visible, but of people there were thousands, of both sexes, clothed in ordinary attire, and moving in groups along the paths."

CIVIL SERVICE.

Examination Will Be Held in Paducah June 6.

The death of Mr. Charles Holliday and promotion of extra mail carriers and clerks in the local postoffice department, has necessitated an examination for local civil service, and authority for such an examination was received this morning. Mr. Fred B. Ashton, local service examiner, will hold the examinations on June 6 on the third floor of the postoffice. No charge is attached to applications, and there likely will be several to stand this tests. The orders read "examinations for clerk and carrier in the postoffice at Paducah, Ky."

ARCHITECT

Will Accompany Committee on Tour of Inspection Today.

Today the fiscal court committee with Mr. A. L. Lassiter, the architect, who will draw the plans, will go out to the new county poor farm and select the spot where the new poor house will stand. The poor farm is opposite Mt. Kenton cemetery on the Lovelaceville road two miles from Wallace park. The new building will be one story, of brick and contain 40 rooms, 32 of which will be for the inmates. It will cost between \$8,000 and \$10,000.

DECORATION DAY.

Will Be Observed by James Walbert Camp U. C. V.

The James Walbert camp of Confederate veterans will meet tonight in regular session at the city hall and take up the matter of holding a Decoration Day. Decoration Day is being observed by many Confederate camps throughout the South and it is more than probable that the local camp will observe the day. There is nothing of especial importance to be acted on tonight other than this one matter.

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On Philippine Tariff.

Secretary Taft will be the guest of honor at the eleventh annual convention dinner of the national association of Manufacturers in New York, May 16. The sessions of the convention will last from May 15 to 17. Secretary Taft is expected to speak on the Philippine tariff.

Growing Aches and Pains.

Mrs. Josie Sumner, Bremond, Tex., writes, April 15, 1902: "I have used Ballard's Snow Liniment in my family for three years. I would not be without it in the house. I have used it on my little girl for growing pains and aches in her knees. It cured her right away. I have also used it for frost bitten feet, with good success. It is the best liniment I ever used." 25c, 50c and \$1.00.

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Immigration Bill.

Senator Dillingham, chairman of the committee on immigration, probably will make an effort to get action on the immigration bill, but the present prospect is that measure will arouse little if any controversy.

COURSE OF STUDY

WILL BE ARRANGED FOR COUNTY SCHOOLS OF KENTUCKY.

Superintendent Fuqua Calls Meeting of County Educators At Frankfort May 22.

County superintendents are in receipt of letters from Prof. Fuqua, state superintendent of public instruction, asking them to go to Frankfort on May 22 to meet for the purpose of arranging a course of study and daily program for use in the common schools of the state. The superintendent believes that a general course of study and a program, to be followed in all schools, will be of great benefit to the teachers and also to the pupils. The superintendent has also sent out a circular letter calling attention of county superintendents to the act of the general assembly, at the late regular session, making it a felony to dispose of examination questions to applicants for certificates to teach in the common schools. The measure is a drastic one, but it is deemed necessary to stop the practice of peddling questions, which are of so much importance to the cause of education. He asks the co-operation of the superintendents and the teachers to the end that all violators of the new law may be punished.

—Moonlight excursion on the steamer Louisiana tonight, May 15. Given by the Bartenders' Union. Boat leaves wharf promptly at 8 o'clock. Tickets 50 cents.

The battleship John Slatoust was launched in Sebastopol.

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The Sun offers a prize of \$10 cash for the prettiest yard in each of the six wards of Paducah, the residents within a half mile of the city limits being deemed eligible for the contests.

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